



St. Louis Audubon Society



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Big Rivers Festival Celebrated

August has been proclaimed "Big Rivers Month" by Governor Mel Carnahan. In celebration, several agencies are having activities on August 19 and 20 at Clarksville and Louisiana, Missouri. The agencies involved are the Missouri Department of Conservation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Illinois Natural History Survey, and the Illinois Department of Conservation.

Clarksville will have the following activities:

- Kids' Games
- Indian Encampment
- Wetland Exhibit
- Historical River Crafters

Louisiana will have the following activities:

- Fishing Tournament
- Farmer's Market (Saturday only)
- Boat Display

For more information, please call the Hannibal office of the Missouri Department of Conservation, (314) 248-2530.

Volunteer for Operation Clean Stream

by Jerry Castillon

This year's Operation Clean Stream is scheduled for Saturday, August 26, and once again the St. Louis Audubon Society is helping out with this very worthwhile annual event.

Our group will be cleaning the section of the Meramec River from I-44 at Lewis Road down to Glencoe, a section of about 4 to 5 miles. We start about 8 or 8:30 am and usually are out of the river by 1 pm. Hotdogs and sodas for participants are available at

several parks along the river for those wishing to end with a little picnic.

In past years all the participants expressed feelings of joy over the opportunity to do something about helping the environment instead of just talking about it. Most of us love to spend time canoeing on the river. On this particular day, we help clean it as we cruise down it.

We would like to have you join us. We have some extra canoes, but they are going fast. Hopefully, you may have access to others. Make it a family event or come on your own. It's a great way to spend a Saturday in August.

To volunteer or to receive more information, please call one of the St. Louis Audubon Society coordinators: **Jerry Castillon (H# 391-7586)** or **Arthur Montgomery (H# 434-2899)**.

Join a Monarch Butterfly Tagging

by Bill Brandhorst

George Winkler, former entomologist at the St. Louis Zoo, will lead an outing to tag monarch butterflies in Warren County on Saturday, September 16. Those interested should meet at the Busch Wildlife Area headquarters parking lot at 9:30 am to car pool to Warren County.

George will show how the tagging is done and help participants tag the ones they catch. Bring nets, butterfly books, binoculars (if you have them), insect repellent, and lunch.

By some, monarchs are considered a tropical butterfly having followed the bad tasting milkweed north as the glaciers receded. Actually, they are found in similar form over much of the world, where they are called tiger butterflies. I have caught them in Thailand, where they have a little more white on them.

Returning from Mexico in the spring, monarchs lay eggs on the milkweed. Three broods or so later, they have reached Canada. Then in the fall they fly thousands of miles south through the U.S. and then along the Caribbean coast until opposite Mexico City. Then they fly inland to several places west of Mexico City, where they gather at 10,500 feet and spend the winter.

The estimates were that in years past over a billion monarchs spent the winter in this area. The temperature there hovers around freezing, rarely going below and then only briefly. Around late February, these butterflies start to fly back north again. Tagging has helped to verify this migration pattern.

Birds, after trying once, do not attack the monarch again because they are distasteful. This comes from the milkweed, the larva's host plant. It is thought the viceroy, which looks much like the monarch, protects itself by imitation.

If you plan to join this outing, please call **George Winkler at 993-1652**.

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From Your President

by Mary Lou Miller

St. Louis Audubon is looking for volunteers to fill various positions. The following descriptions will give you an idea of what each position entails--**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** Call me at 389-3969 if you would like to take 1 of these positions or help out.

Community Club Awards (CCA)

Our members collect and turn in receipts, labels, etc. to be redeemed for prizes at various times during the year. This can be done at home with little outside contact. There are a couple of meetings a year, and you have certain times of the year to turn in the receipts and labels.

Resource Center Network Representative

This is an education position involving 2 meetings per year with representatives from organizations and agencies in our city such as the Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis Zoo, Art Museum, and the Missouri Department of Conservation. Basically, you take information to the meetings to exchange with other education people. We would train you in our education activities. You would also become very knowledgeable of the workings of these other organizations and agencies along with Audubon. Once a year there is a teachers workshop to which each agency brings information. The workshop is in the fall and usually held at Powder Valley Nature Center from 2:30 to 5:30 pm. The network meets in the spring and fall of the year at 5:30 pm with a light dinner. We would pay the cost of these meals. Meetings are held at the various agencies on a rotating basis. If you want to become more involved in Audubon but are limited in time, this would be a good position.

Condolences/Illnesses/ Special Events Recognition

We need someone to buy cards, send flowers or other articles for illnesses, deaths, and other events in the lives of our board and members. We have an American Express Card and account with Ladue Florist. You can do most of this work by phone from your home or office. Notices would be turned in for your attention by members and officers/board.

Bird Seed Sale Committee

Our bird seed sale this year will take place at the Wild Bird Center, 9815 Watson Road in Crestwood, on October 28 from 10 am to 3 pm. We will solicit and organize seed orders ahead of time. This committee now consists of Dianne Johnson, Sue Smith, and Sue Jones. We need 1 more person on this committee. You do not have to do the work yourself on that day, but the planning needs to be done soon.

Membership Drive

Our board has given approval for a membership drive this fall. A committee will soon meet to plan this drive.

Message Center Phone Line

We are in need of at least 2 new people to take messages and return calls on our phone. We use Call Notes from Southwestern Bell, and callers usually work a 2-week period. Times can be worked out. You do need a touch-tone phone, however. You will be given training in the form of a book of helps, along with names of experts to call on. You learn as you help. Calls vary from "What kind of bird is this?" to "How do I get in touch with National Audubon Society?" Sometimes there are funny items or just interesting bits of information exchanged. About all you need is the ability to talk to all types of people on all kinds of subjects--you do not have to be an expert!

Booth Committee

This committee, chaired by Mary Smith, will be meeting on August 22 at 7 pm at our Kirkwood office. We will be planning on our booths at various events during the year. We will also make decisions on displays available for our needs, both indoors and outdoors. We will have a training session for new booth participants this year.

Get to Know . . .

Jerry Castillon

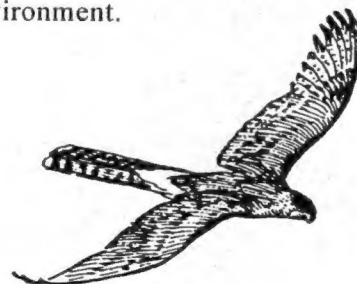
(This is the sixth of a series of articles written about and by St. Louis Audubon board members themselves so that all our membership can be better acquainted with our decision makers on the board.)

Like all other members of this organization, I too am a true nature lover. This probably got its start back in Creve Coeur when I was a child playing forever in the woods behind my home. From trapping rabbits to climbing trees, my awareness of biodiversity (before the word existed) grew as did my closeness to all aspects of natural environments.

After high school, I earned bachelor's and master's degrees in biology from the University of Missouri. I've been teaching courses in various biological sciences for the past 33 years. This teaching has been at various high schools and colleges in the St. Louis area. At present, I teach at Parkway South High School and have been there since it opened in 1976. I enjoy learning and thus attend workshops and take courses on a regular basis.

My introduction to the Audubon Society came when I won a scholarship to one of their camps in Wisconsin. I loved it and also went to the one in Wyoming several years later. These great outdoor learning opportunities stimulated me to attend other programs. Last summer I attended a water quality institute for 4 weeks near Helena, Montana. This was 80 miles from where the Missouri River begins its 2,500 mile journey to St. Louis. The testing techniques learned there are now an important part of the curriculum I teach at Parkway South.

I've been on the St. Louis Audubon board for over 6 years. Operation Clean Stream, bird seed sales, and the information booth are some of the ways I hope to continue to contribute to Audubon's effort at bettering the environment.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Audubon Bird Walks

Bring binoculars, bird field guide, & dress for field conditions & weather. Coaching & instruction for all levels. Call leader for confirmation & more information.

Tower Grove Park -- Sunday, September 10, at 8 am. Take I-44 or I-64 east to south on Kingshighway. Go about 1 mile to left on Magnolia. Park on street; walk to brushy area (Gaddy Bird Garden) in park's northwest corner. Leader: Jim Malone, H# 536-1119.

Busch Wildlife Area -- Saturday, September 16, at 8 am. In St. Charles County. Take Hwy 94 south of US 40, 1 mile to a right on Hwy D. Go 1.5 miles to entrance on right. Pass through HQ area & gate to Hampton Lake parking lot. Leaders: Paul Bauer (H# 921-3972) and Lawrence Schreiwer (H# 664-6157).

Busch Wildlife Area -- Sunday, October 8, at 8 am. See directions in above entry. Leader: Jim Malone, H# 536-1119.

Busch Wildlife Area -- Saturday, October 21, at 8 am. **Bring picnic lunch!** See directions in 2 entries above. Leaders: Paul Bauer (H# 921-3972) and Father Lawrence Asma (H# 389-4394).

Audubon-Related Activities

Monarch Butterfly Tagging -- Saturday, September 16, in Warren County. Led by George Winkler, former St. Louis Zoo entomologist. Meet at Busch Wildlife HQ parking lot at 9:30 am. If interested, call George Winkler, H# 993-1652. (See related article on page 1.)

Audubon Society of Missouri Meeting -- Friday-Sunday, September 29-October 1, at Lake of the Ozarks State Park, Camp Cloverpoint. For more info., call Paul Bauer, H# 921-3972.

Missouri Audubon Council -- Sunday, October 1, at Camp Cloverpoint, 10 am to noon. For more info., call Bill Salsgiver, H# 225-1490.

St. Louis Audubon Membership Meeting & Program -- Thursday, October 19, 7 pm, at Powder Valley Nature Center. Dale Delaney of Eco-Tours will present program: "Neo-Tropical Rainforests & More." Check October newsletter for more details.

Field Trip to Mark Twain Conservation Area -- Sunday, October 22. Meet at 7 am at Harley Hotel parking lot to car pool for 1-hour drive to refuge. Take exit 170 at Earth City. Bring sack lunch. Guide Beatrix Treiterer will show us several different areas. For more info., call Mary Lou Miller, H# 389-3969.

Bird Seed Sale -- Saturday, October 28, at Wild Bird Center, 9815 Watson Road in Crestwood, 10 am to 3 pm. For more info. & order form, see page 5 of this newsletter.

Special Events

Big Rivers Festival -- Saturday & Sunday, August 19 & 20, at Louisiana & Clarksville, MO. For more info., call MO Conservation Dept. Hannibal office, 248-2530. (See related article on page 1.)

Friends of Tyson Meetings -- Thursday, August 24, & Tuesday, September 26, at 6:30 pm at Powder Valley Nature Center. This support group will discuss proposals for making Tyson Research Center self-sustaining. Audubon members interested in safeguarding Tyson's future are urged to attend. For more info. or to discuss your suggestions, call Darlene Marlow, Friends of Tyson president, at 727-2325.

Operation Clean Stream -- Saturday, August 26. St. Louis Audubon is assigned a specific stretch of Meramec

River. For more info. or to volunteer, call Jerry Castillon (H# 391-7586) or Arthur Montgomery (H# 434-2899). (See related article on page 1.)

3rd Annual Butterfly Count -- Saturday, September 2, at 9:30 am at 3 different locations: Busch Wildlife Area, with Bill Brandhorst (H# 965-7269); Valley View Glades, NW of Hillsboro, with Marshall Magner (H# 961-4588); Victoria Glades, SE of Hillsboro, with George Winkler (H# 993-1652). Everyone is welcome; nets & butterfly books are provided. If interested &/or need more info., call 1 of the leaders above.

Busch Grandparents' Fishing Day -- Saturday, September 9, at Busch Wildlife Area, 9 am to noon. For more info., call 441-4554.

Native Plant Conference & Sale -- Saturday, September 9, at Shaw Arboretum of the Missouri Botanical Garden. Registration deadline was August 1. For late registration & more info., call (314) 451-0850.

Greentree Festival -- Saturday & Sunday, September 16 & 17, in city of Kirkwood. St. Louis Audubon will have a booth. For more info., call 822-5806.

Resource Center Network Workshop for Teachers -- Thursday, September 21, at Powder Valley Nature Center, 2:30 to 5:30 pm. Various organizations distribute educational material. For more info., call Mary Lou Miller, H# 389-3969.

Busch Wildlife Hunting & Fishing Heritage Day -- Saturday, September 23, at Busch Wildlife Area. For more info., call 441-4554.

Day in the Forest -- Sunday, October 15, at Rockwoods Conservation Area. For more info., call 458-2236.

World Ecology Day -- Friday, October 20, at University of MO-St. Louis, 8:30 am to 2 pm. For more info., call International Center for Tropical Ecology, 516-5442.

World Bird Sanctuary Open House -- Saturday & Sunday, October 21 & 22, 10 am to 5 pm. At Tyson Research Center off I-44 at Antire/Beaumont exit. For more info., call 938-6193.

The Conservation Corner

Developers Threaten Loss of Tyson Research Center

by Jim Holsen

At the end of June, as William Danforth was retiring as chancellor of Washington University, phones were ringing, carrying rumors that Washington University was negotiating with an eastern developer for the sale of the Tyson tract. Plans were said to include a residential development and a golf course. It was said that the sale could be announced as early as August.

In a letter addressed to the Friends of Tyson and dated June 30, his last day in office, Danforth, responding to the rumors, confirmed that Dr. Dick Coles, the director at Tyson, had been placed on administrative leave for 1 year. At the time, Coles was at The Nature Place near Florissant, Colorado, where for several years he has been lecturing and guiding tours through the nearby Colorado Rockies. He wrote that operations at Tyson were being cut and added, "Our plans are to continue Tyson as part of the University." He did not explain why users of Tyson, including supporters of the Field Science Program, a program that benefits many inner city classrooms, had been told that they could plan to continue their programs for 1 year, until the end of June 1996.

On Monday, July 3, Tom Uhlenbrock's article in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* publicized the rumors. Dick Roloff, executive vice chancellor of Washington University and a developer himself, was quoted as saying, "We are planning to review the future use of Tyson for university purposes. At this time, our plans are to continue to leave the land undisturbed." To those who read between the lines, the phrase "at this time" strikes an ominous note. Meanwhile, Darlene Marlow, who heads the Friends of Tyson, aroused the community and marshalled support for Tyson.

The Tyson tract, originally part of the Rankin estate along the Meramec River, was taken over by the U.S. government during World War II and used for ammunition storage. Bunkers still dot the area, hidden in the valleys between the rolling hills. After the

war the area was sold to St. Louis County for parkland. But during the Korean War the government reclaimed the land. After that war, when the County expected to have the land returned for park uses, Washington University requested that it be given the land for various research purposes. As a result, about 2,000 of the original 2,373 acres were given to Washington University. The remaining land now exists as St. Louis County's West Tyson Park. Tyson Research Center lies along the north side of Interstate I-44, west of Missouri Highway 141.

The Tyson tract stands in the center of 8,000 acres of relatively undisturbed Ozark mountain lowlands which have been preserved at great effort. The Open Space Council was instrumental in obtaining the lands that now make up Castlewood State Park to the north of Tyson. Ellen Alton and her Friends of Forest-44 succeeded in persuading the Missouri Department of Conservation to acquire nearly 1,000 acres of land along the south side of I-44, saving that area from pending development. St. Louis County's West Tyson and Lone Elk Parks lie on the western and eastern edges of Tyson. The large Beaumont Reservation of the Boy Scouts, along Antire Road, further buffers Tyson from urban expansion. An undeveloped area of this size and so close to a large metropolitan area is a unique asset.

Following the July 4 weekend, St. Louis Audubon faxed a letter to the new Chancellor, Mark S. Wrighton, calling his attention to the shabby treatment accorded to Dick Coles and asking for a "clear and unambiguous statement . . . that the Tyson tract will not be sold for development." This was, perhaps, his first day on the job. His answer, faxed on July 10, said that "the Center will continue to be available for the community-at-large, for school field trips, and other activities. . . . There are no plans to sell the property." The general tenor of the reply, however, reminded the reader of Danforth's earlier letter of June 30.

Still at this time, leaders of program activities at Tyson had been told that they could make plans only through the end of June 1996.

The Audubon letter was followed by similar letters from Roger Pryor of the Missouri Coalition for the Environment and many others. The *Post-Dispatch* carried editorials and letters from readers protesting the planned sale.

Finally, on July 21, Chancellor Wrighton faxed his own Letter to the Editor--saying that he was "impressed with the level of concern . . . about the future of Tyson Research Center" and noting that, having by then visited Tyson, he better appreciated the beauty of the area. He added, "There are no plans to develop the land, or to sell it for development or for any other purpose." Unfortunately, the editors deleted his comments about the level of concern and the beauty of the area, as well as his apology to "those in the community who have had increased anxiety due to lack of adequate advance notice."

Saying that "we have no plans" is not the same as saying "we will not." At least, Mario Cuomo, when announcing that he had no plans to run for president, added that he had no plans to make plans--and that turned out to be true. Nevertheless, while the chancellor's reply is not the clear and unambiguous statement that we had requested, it is still a welcome relief.

This writer's conclusion is that there was fire smoldering beneath the smoke. The rumors supposedly came from a reliable source. Vice Chancellor Roloff has been quoted as having said over 2 years ago that he wanted to sell Tyson.

The haste and secrecy of the move make it suspect. Dick Coles knew that his budget would be cut because the Medical School planned to move its animal care facilities back to the city campus. But only a week before his dismissal, he was told that his job was secure. When he was given administrative leave, he was also placed under a gag order--told not to discuss his dismissal or any of the changes at Tyson. Others using Tyson, including the staff of the Wolf Sanctuary, were not notified of the administrative changes as they occurred.

The moral to this story is that we must continue to be vigilant. Tyson may be safe for a few years, but after that we may suddenly find that the University does have plans.



THE ST. LOUIS AUDUBON SOCIETY FALL BIRD SEED SALE



Saturday, OCTOBER 28, 10 am to 3 pm
WILD BIRD CENTER
9815 Watson Road in Crestwood

The St. Louis Audubon Society is again conducting a bird seed sale to benefit the chapter's conservation and education programs. Get your winter's supply of bird seed from St. Louis Audubon--encourage your friends, neighbors, and relatives to make orders, also.

This year 4 different seed types are available: 25-lb. and 50-lb. bags of black oil-type sunflower seed, 25-lb. and 50-lb. bags of premium mix bird seed, 10-lb. bags of thistle/niger seed, and 25-lb. and 50-lb. bags of safflower seed.

To order, please complete the order form below. You will need to pick up your bird seed on **October 28** at the **Wild Bird Center** between **10 am and 3 pm**, or your seed will be forfeited and resold. A postcard will be sent to you to verify that your order and check were received and to remind you of the pick-up place and time.

If you have any questions, please call Dianne Johnson (H# 458-4369), Sue Smith (H# 256-7986), or Sue Jones (H# 721-0819). **Your order and check must be received by October 20.**

(Please detach here; mail bottom portion along with your check.)

BIRD SEED ORDER FORM

(Please print)

Name _____ Phone (day) _____ (eve) _____

Address _____



# of 25-lb. bags sunflower seed	_____ X	\$8	@	=	_____
# of 50-lb. bags sunflower seed	_____ X	\$14	@	=	_____
# of 25-lb. bags premium mix	_____ X	\$8	@	=	_____
# of 50-lb. bags premium mix	_____ X	\$14	@	=	_____
# of 10-lb. bags thistle/niger	_____ X	\$13	@	=	_____
# of 25-lb. bags safflower	_____ X	\$13	@	=	_____
# of 50-lb. bags safflower	_____ X	\$24	@	=	_____

Total Amount (check enclosed) _____

Please make checks payable to: **St. Louis Audubon Society**

Please mail order & check to: **BIRD SEED**
Sue Jones
7425 Parkdale Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63105

(Mail early to ensure receipt of order by October 20--THANKS!)

Art Museum Proposal Could Save Arena Site for Forest Park

by Jim Holsen

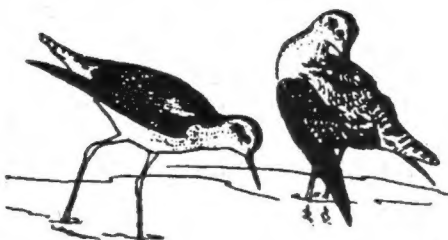
During May and June, St. Louis Audubon participated in a series of negotiations between Citizens to Protect Forest Park (CPFP), led by Pat Waterston, and 4 trustees of the City Art Museum which led eventually to our support of the Museum's proposal for limited, one-time-only expansion within the park.

In its proposal, submitted to the City of St. Louis on June 30, the Museum proposed to purchase the Arena site from the City and then return it to the City for incorporation into Forest Park or for other park-related uses.

The Museum will organize a non-profit corporation including other park institutions which will raise the \$10 million offered to the City. Another \$1 million will be provided over 5 years for maintenance.

In addition to Audubon, the CPFP negotiating team included representatives from the Missouri Coalition for the Environment, Open Space Council, and the Sierra Club. After repeated sessions during the final 2 weeks of negotiations, each of the 4 organizations adopted resolutions urging the Mayor to accept the Museum's proposal over 3 competing proposals for primarily commercial development.

Both sides found the negotiations fruitful. The Museum trustees felt that their proposal could not succeed without the support of environmental groups. They came to realize that they would have to accept many restrictions which they had not anticipated, including public review of any building plans. In a spirit of cooperation, the Museum is continuing to involve CPFP in preparing its plans for the Forest Park Master Plan Design Team and in developing suggestions for eventual incorporation of the Arena site into the park.



AUDUBON ADVENTURES

The Education Corner

One Bird--Two Habitats

by Sue Smith

On July 11, President Mary Lou Miller and Audubon board members Dianne Johnson and Sue Smith attended the One Bird--Two Habitat workshop at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville.

The purpose of the workshop was to interest neighboring states in becoming facilitators of the One Bird--Two Habitat middle school curriculum developed by Susan Gilchrist, Katie Row, and David Borneman of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Jorge Bortero presented a slide program in which he discussed the necessity of a global approach to migratory bird management. One example he cited was the dickcissel. This North American grassland bird gathers in megaflocks in Venezuela. On the sorghum and rice plantations there, it is considered an agricultural pest.

Workshop participants from several states were guided through many of the interdisciplinary lessons. The curriculum was made available and can be adapted for the participants' home states.

Audubon Present at Tiger Cub Day

On June 3, the St. Louis Area Council Boy Scouts of America held the 3rd annual Tiger Cub Day at Beaumont Scout Reservation. Approximately 350 Tiger Cubs, along with their families, attended this event.

St. Louis Audubon had one of the numerous booths and activities in which the Tiger Cubs could participate and learn more about birds and the natural world.

Many thanks to our booth workers--Howard Adams, Katherine Chambers, Betsy Warren, and Tom Warren. We all agree this was time well spent!

Attention, Teachers:

If you are interested in receiving or ordering a classroom set of *Audubon Adventures* for the 1995-96 school year, please call Dianne Johnson as soon as possible (H# 458-4369).

St. Louis Audubon Receives Donation of Books, Prints, and More

by Mary Lou Miller

This summer the St. Louis Audubon Society had a pleasant surprise in the form of a generous donation from Jim Phelps, Creve Coeur, who recently moved to Florida.

This donation includes the full set of Roger Tory Peterson field guides with shelf and 50 bird album, a Belize coin set (1st issue), the full set of *Trials of Life* videos, National Audubon Society's birds video set, wildflower set, and 200th birthday celebration album, along with the World Wildlife Fund set of 10 jacketed albums, several different stamp books with prints, 4 plates (set of birds), flora and fauna Fleetwood series for NAS, Haitian *Lost* set of Audubon series, Audubon's *Baby Elephant Folio*, and a Finnish Snow bear stamp and litho.

This collection is in excellent condition and very lovely. The field guides are in their original cellophane coverings, and all the other items are well protected by jackets, etc.

We are now having the items appraised for insurance purposes and hope to eventually make the items available for viewing by our members. In January 1996 at our general membership meeting and program, we'll have these items on display.

St. Louis Audubon thanks Mr. Phelps for this wonderful donation. I'm sure our members will enjoy looking through this lovely collection in the future.

T-SHIRTS, POLO SHIRTS, & CAPS FOR SALE

from St. Louis Audubon Society

Help Support Our Work in Conservation and Education!

T-shirt with woodpecker & "Audubon" on tree trunk--natural color 100% cotton (very little shrinkage)	L, XL, XXL	\$15
T-shirt with marsh scene with arch background--natural color 100% cotton (very little shrinkage)	L, XL, XXL	\$15
Dark green polo shirt with flying egret & arch & "St. Louis Audubon Society" in pocket area (runs small, some shrinkage)	L, XL, XXL	\$22
Off-white cap with flying egret & arch embroidered with "St. Louis Audubon Society"	ONE SIZE	\$13
Black cap with our own flying egret & arch patch in front	ONE SIZE	\$9

Mark your selections from the choices above, send order form and check (made out to **St. Louis Audubon Society**) to:

Betsy Warren
3124 Lakeview Park Circle
St. Louis, MO 63129-2466

Your items will be mailed to you, so **be sure to include your name and complete mailing address**. Allow 4 weeks for delivery.



We Need a Name!!!

In the long or short time that you've been reading St. Louis Audubon's bi-monthly newsletter, have you noticed that it doesn't have a name--nothing to give it an individual trademark of its own??

The Audubon board has decided to change that by running a name-our-newsletter contest over the next several months. Submit your creative name for Audubon's newsletter to the editor--Karen Tylka, 3155 Frisco Hill Rd., Imperial, MO 63052. Send your suggestion on a postcard or in a short note, and be certain to include your name, address, and phone number. **Deadline** for submissions is **October 31**.

A committee of several members will determine the best name for St. Louis Audubon's newsletter. And a prize will be awarded--a nature print, matted and ready to frame, donated by Rex Schmidt.

Just to get you thinking, here are sample names of some award-winning Audubon newsletters: *Seed for Thought*, *Eco-Notes*, *The Chatter*, *The Naturalist*, *The Flier*. Let's find a unique and fitting name for our newsletter!

ST. LOUIS AUDUBON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Check the membership category desired: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

☐ Introductory/\$20 ☐ Individual/\$35 ☐ Family/\$40

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☐ Sr. Citizen Family/\$23

Name

Address

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Send application to:
Mrs. Katherine Chambers, Membership Chairman
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St. Louis, MO 63105

Make membership checks payable to:
National Audubon Society
If you wish to make a donation to the local chapter, please write a separate check to:
St. Louis Audubon Society

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Our Phone Number

To contact the St. Louis Audubon Society, please call (314) 822-6595.

Nature Stories Needed

We're always looking for nature stories to run in the newsletter. If you have an interesting story to tell--be it several paragraphs or several pages in length--please contact Karen Tylka (H# 942-3142).

Some questions might jog your memory for a good anecdote: What was the best or worst birding experience you ever had? What was the most unusual bird or other animal sighting you've experienced? What positive experiences have you had sharing your love of nature with other people?



Newsletter Information

The St. Louis Audubon Society's newsletter is printed bimonthly on recycled paper with soy ink. Printing is done by Dolde Printing Co., 1350 Lonedell Rd., Arnold, MO 63010.

Please send any article submissions for the next edition by **September 22, 1995** to Karen Tylka, 3155 Frisco Hill Rd., Imperial, MO 63052 (H# 942-3142).



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FALL 1995 - SPRING 1996

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AD - Annual Dinner
ARC - Audubon Regional Conference
ASM - Audubon Society of Missouri
B - Board Meeting
BD - Butterfly Day
BBD - Birding Big Day
BH - Busch Hunt./Fish. Day
BS - Bird Seed Sale
BW - Bird Walk

BWS - Bird Workshop
DF - Day In The Forest
ED - Eagle Days
EDF - Earth Day Festival
FT - Field Trip
GM - General Meeting
GTF - Greentree Festival
HOH - Holiday Open House W/WGNSS
IMB - Int'l. Migratory Bird Day

MAC - Missouri Audubon Council
MS - Masters of Sky - Eagles
N - Newsletter Deadline
RCN - Resource Center Network WrkShp
RRC - Regional River Conference
S - Strategic Planning Committee
WBS - World Bird Sanc. Open House
WED - World Ecology Day
WS - Wings of Spring

St. Louis Audubon Fall 1995 - Spring 1996 Calendar

GENERAL MEETINGS

STLAS Board of Directors Meeting - First Tuesday of each month except July - 7:30 p.m. - Usually at Powder Valley Nature Center. Please call Mary Lou Miller, H-389-3969.

Strategic Planning Committee - Third Tuesday of each month except December. Held at Audubon Office, 325 N. Kirkwood, at 7:30 p.m. Call Dave Tyka for information H-942-3142.

Conservation Roundtable - Environmental conservation group consisting of 20+ organizations. This group will try to bring better communication between organizations plus cosponsor programs. Call for time and place - Mary Lou Miller H-389-3969 or Bill Brandhorst - H-965-7269.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

All articles should be turned in to our Editor, Karen Tyka, by these dates.

Sept 22, 95	Dec 1, 95	Feb 1, 96
Mar 22, 96	Jun 1, 96	Aug 1, 96

BIRDING FIELD TRIPS

Meet at 8 AM at the designated site. Most trips end by Noon. Bring binoculars and bird book. Dress for field conditions/season. Coaching and instruction for all levels. See sidebar for directions. Oct 21 & Apr 20 - Bring Picnic Lunch. Questions or to confirm - Call Paul Bauer - H-921-3972, or Call Jim Malone - H-536-1119.

Date	Trip Leader	Place
Sep 10	J. Malone	Tower Grove Park
Sep 16	P. Bauer, L. Schreier	Busch Wildlife Area
Oct 8	J. Malone	Busch Wildlife Area
Oct 21	P. Bauer, L. Asma	Busch Wildlife Area
Nov 5	J. Malone	Busch Wildlife Area
Nov 18	D. Pierce, B. Ulmer	Busch Wildlife Area
Dec 10	J. Malone	Riverlands/Horseshoe Lake
Jan 13	P. Bauer, L. Asma	Riverlands
Feb 10	P. Bauer, B. Ulmer	Riverlands
Feb 18	J. Malone	Riverlands/Perre Marquette
Mar 10	J. Malone	Busch Wildlife Area
Mar 30	D. Pierce, J. Holsten	Busch Wildlife Area
Apr 7	J. Malone	Marais Temps Clair
Apr 20	P. Bauer, B. Ulmer	Busch Wildlife Area
Apr 28	K. Renick, L. Schreier	Tower Grove Park
May 5	Several	Forest Park/Kennedy Woods
May 12	Several	Forest Park/Kennedy Woods
May 19	J. Malone	Busch Wildlife/Lost Valley

Special Field Trip to Busch Wildlife Area - Saturday, April 8, 1996. Woodcock/Owl Prowl - 5:00 p.m. - Busch Wildlife Area - Bring flash-lights, boots, and dress for weather. Led by Jim Malone H-536-1119.

Watch for special, all-day, birding workshop field trips led by Nancy and Dale Delaney of Eco-Tours. A minimal fee will be charged for these field trips.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Big Rivers Festival - Louisiana & Clarksville, MO. Aug 19 & 20, 1995. Call MO Dept. of Cons. Hannibal Office for details - 248-2530.

Operation Clean Stream - Aug 26, 1995. 8:00 a.m. - Noon. - Call Jerry Castillon 391-7586.

Third Annual Missouri Butterfly Count - Sept 2, 1995. 9:30 a.m. Call Suzanne Greenlee at the Nature Conservancy (966-1105) to sign up.

Busch Grandparents' Fishing Day - Sat., Sept 9, 1995. 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Busch Wildlife Area. Call 441-4554 for details.

Monarch Butterfly Tagging - Sat. Sept 16, 1995. Call George Winkler - 993-1652.

Greentree Festival - Sept 16 & 17, 1995. City of Kirkwood. Call 822-5806 for details. Audubon will have a booth there.

Resource Center Network Workshop for Teachers - Education Departments of institutions & organizations will be at Powder Valley Nature Center. September 21, 1995 from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Call Mary Lou Miller H-389-3969.

Busch Wildlife Hunting & Fishing Heritage Day - Sept 23, 1995. Call 441-4554 for details.

Day in the Forest - Oct. 15, 1995 - Rockwoods - 458-2236 for details.

St. Louis Audubon Society Membership Meeting & Program - Powder Valley Nature Center, 7 p.m. Oct 19, 1995. "Neo-Tropical Rainforests & More" - Dale Delaney.

World Ecology Day - Oct 20, 1995 - University of MO - St. Louis. 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

World Bird Sanctuary Open House - Tyson Research Center off I44 at Antler/Beaumont Exit - October 21 & 22, 1995 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Field Trip to Mark Twain Cons. Area - Sun., Oct. 22, 1995 - 7:00 a.m. - Meet at Harley Hotel parking lot to car pool to refuge. Exit 170 at Earth City. 1 Hr. drive to Mark Twain. Bring sack lunch. Beatrice Treiterer will be our guide. We will visit several different areas. Call Mary Lou Miller - 389-3969 for more details.

Bird Seed Sale - Oct 28, 1995 - Held at the Wild Bird Center, 9815 Watson Road - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. See order form in Newsletter.

West Central Regional Audubon Conference - Nov 2 - 5 1995 - Olathe, Kansas. Call Mary Lou Miller for details - 389-3969.

Holiday Open House with WGNSS - Dec 10, 1995 - 1 - 4 p.m. - Place to be determined. Call Howard Adams for details - 821-5160.

Membership Meeting & Program - January 18, 1996 - Wildlife Art - Powder Valley Nature Center - 7:30 p.m. Call Sue Smith - 256-7986.

Masters of the Sky - American Bald Eagle - Jan 20 & 21, 1996 - Corps of Engineers. Clarksville MO Visitor Center - Call Riverlands Office - 355-6585.

Eagle Days at Clarksville - MDC - AppleShed, Clarksville, MO. January 27 - 28, 1996 - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sign up for booth.

Masters of the Sky - American Bald Eagle - Feb 3 & 4, 1996 - Corps of Engineers, Program in Alton, IL - Call Riverlands Office - 355-6585.

WGNSS/STLAS Joint Meeting - Fri., Feb 9, 1996 - 7:30 p.m. - Glendale City Hall.

Bird Workshop - March 10, 1996 - Place and time to be determined.

NAS West Cent. Rag. River Conf. - Kearney, NE - March 14-18, 1996. "Wings of Spring" - Corps of Engineers - Riverlands - April 14, 1996.

Earth Day Festival - April 20, 21, and 22, 1996 Tentative.

STLAS Annual Dinner & Meeting - April 26, 1996 - 6:30 p.m. Watch newsletter for details.

Birding Big Day - Saturday, May 4, 1996 - Paul Bauer H-921-3972.

Birdathon - April & May of 1995 - Mary Lou Miller - 389-3969.

International Migratory Bird Day - May 11, 1996. Watch for activities.

No. American Bird Migration Count - May 11, 1996 - Paul Bauer - H-921-3972.

MO. Audubon Council/Aud. Society of MO

Sun. Oct 1, 1995 - MO Aud Coun - 10 a.m. - 12 Noon - Bill Salsgiver H-225-1490.

Fri. - Sun. Sept 29 - Oct 1, 1995 - Aud Soc of MO - Lake Ozarks St. Pk., Camp Cloverpoint, Paul Bauer - H-921-3972

Sat. Feb 3, 1996 - MO Aud Coun Mtg. - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Jefferson City - Bill Salsgiver H-225-1490.

Sun. April 28, 1996 - MO Aud Coun - 10 a.m. - 12 Noon - Bill Salsgiver H-225-1490.

Fri. - Sun. April 26 - 28, 1996 - Aud Soc of MO Spring Mtg - Paul Bauer H- 921-3972.

St. Louis Audubon 822-6595

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GETTING TO EVENTS

Powder Valley Nature Center: East on I-44 from I-270, ½ mile to Watson Rd. Exit. Turn left first traffic light onto Geyer Rd. Go ¼ mile and turn left on Cragwood Rd. Go 1 ½ miles. Entrance is on right.

Busch Wildlife Area: In St. Charles Co., Hwy 94 south of US 40, 1 mile to a right on Hwy D. Go 1.5 miles. Entrance on right. Pass through HQ area and gate to Hampton Lake parking lot.

Tyson Research Center: I-44 west of I-270, 7 miles to the Beaumont and Antler Rd. Exit. The entrance is on the right near the end of the ramp.

Forest Park: In St. Louis City. Park behind the Art Museum. Meet at the edge of the woods.

Arboretum: I-44 west from I-270 to Gray Summit Exit. South side of Hwy on Outer Rd.

Riverlands: In St. Charles Co. near Alton, IL. Hwy 367 north of I-270, across the Missouri River to right on last road before the Mississippi River. Go east from gas station, turn right on gravel road to Teal Pond parking lot.

Horseshoe Lake: I-55/70 east of St. Louis to north on Hwy 111. Go thru park entrance to concession stand.

Tower Grove Park: In St. Louis City. I-44 or I-64 east to south on Kingshighway. Go ~1 mile to left on Magnolia. Park on street; walk to the brushy area (Gaddy Bird Garden) at the northwest corner of the park.

Marais Temps Clair: I70 west to Hwy 94, go right on 94, continue thru St. Charles City. North of Boschartown, go straight onto Hwy H, go 3 miles and turn left on Island Road. Approx. 1 mile is HQ area - park near old shed on right.

NOTE

Please see the latest St. Louis Audubon Society newsletter for the latest information and revisions. All events are open to the public. Call the Audubon Message Center answering machine at 822-6595 for the latest information on upcoming events and answers to specific questions.